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Sri K. VINAYAKAM : So far as the welfare of the country is concerned, the District Boards serve no useful purpose and many useful works are being undertaken in the villages under the community project and local development schemes. Under these circumstances, will the Government consider the question of abolishing the entire district boards and reviving the old taluk boards?

The Hon. Srimathi LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : A Sub-committee is considering the usefulness or otherwise of the district boards. So the matter is under consideration.

Sri K. VINAYAKAM : Are the Government aware of the fact that the only work turned out by the district boards is just to transfer a teacher from one place to another place and no other useful work is done by them?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : That is not a question.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It has nothing to do with the original question which relates to the abolition of district boards.

Extension of life of District Boards

* 53 *Q.*—Sri K. RAMACHANDRAN (on behalf of Sri V. K. Ramaswamy Mudaliar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to extend the life of the District Boards; and

(*b*) if so, the period of extension?

The Hon. Srimathi LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : The matter is under the consideration of Government.

Sri A. R. SUBBIAH MUDALIAR : டிஸ்ட்ரிக்ட் போர்டை மாற்றியமைக்கும் வரையில் அவைகளை ஸ்பெஷல் ஆபீஸர்களிடம் விட முடியுமா ?

The Hon. Srimathi LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : I just said that it is under consideration.

Sri K. VINAYAKAM : The life of the present district boards expires by October of this year and the question whether elections have to be conducted or not has to be decided. So, will the Government come to a quick decision before any tangible results could be achieved?

The Hon. Srimathi LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : As I said the matter is under consideration.

Sri A. R. SUBBIAH MUDALIAR : ஜில்லா போர்டு கண்டிராக்டர்களுக்குப் பர்த்தியமான லட்சக்கணக்கான ரூபாய் 'எர்னஸ்டு' பணம் திருப்பிக் கொடுக்கப்படாமல் இருப்பது சர்க்கார் கவனத்திற்கு வந்திருக்கிறதா ?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : That has nothing to do with the main question. I disallow it.